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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") issued in the corresponding international application.

The references cited in the IPER were cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed by Applicants. The International Bureau of WIPO has deemed that claims 1-11 have novelty and industrial applicability. The three references cited in the IPER have already been submitted to the USPTO.

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